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SUBJ: (LOU) AMIN PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOVIET SUPPORT IS
ESSENTIAL FOR KHALQIS' SURVIVAL

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN PUBLICLY CONTENDS
THAT "VAST" AND "LIMITLESS" SOVIET MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE KHALQI
REVOLUTION. INSISTS THAT THERE IS NO STRAIN IN HIS RE-
LATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW, AND HOPES HE SURVIVES TO SEE A
SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN AFGHANISTAN. HIS FRANKNESS REGARDING
THE SOVIET CONNECTION COULD BE DESIGNED TO DEFLECT ACCU-

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SATIONS THAT THE SOVIET PRESENCE HERE IS TOO LARGE, OR
THAT HIS REGIME HAS ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN WHOLESALE
DEPAENDENCE ON THE SOVIET PIPELINE. END OF SUMMARY.

3. IN THE TEXT OF A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH CORRESPON-
DENTS FROM TASS, THE EAST GERMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION
NETWORK, AND THE LONDON OBSERVER (PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 15),
PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF
INTEREST:

--"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IF THERE WERE NO VAST ECONOMIC AND
MILITARY AID FROM THE SOVIET UNION, WE COULD NOT RESIST THE
AGGRESSION AND CONSPIRACIES OF IMPERIALISM, ITS LEFTIST LOOKING
ALLIES AND INTERNATIONAL REACTION, AND COULD NOT MOVE OUR
COUNTRY TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY.

--"THERE IS NO LIMIT" TO THE AMOUNT OF SOVIET HELP WHICH
MAY BE EXTENDED, AND THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE "COMPLETELY DEPENDS

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OUR CAPACITY TO ABSORB AND UTILIZE IT."

--"RUMORS ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN
KABUL HAVE BEEN GENERATED FROM THE CAPITALIST QUARTERS. WHO
IS TRYING TO DECEIVE OUR PEOPLE AS IF AMIN IS NOT A GOOD
FRIEND OF THE SOVIET UNION AND SHOULD NOT BE TRUSTED."

--ASKED IF HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AS A STUDENT "MADE
OF A SOCIALIST," AMIN SAID "MY STAY IN THE UNITED STATES IS
NOT THE CAUSE OF MY POLITICAL IDEOLOGY. MY CONVICTION AND THOUGHTS
HAVE STEMMED FROM REALIZING THE REALITY OF THE IDEOLOGY OF THE
WORKING CLASS."

--OUR CONSTITUTION WILL ENSURE "THAT WITH A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP
IN AFGHANISTAN THE PATH LEADING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
SOCIALIST SOCIETY WILL NOT BE ALTERED."

--THE KHALQI REVOLUTION IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH ISLAM,
BECAUSE A REVOLUTION AIMED AT CREATING A SOCIETY VOID OF
EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN "WOULD NATURALLY BE ACCEPTED
AND WELCOMED BY THE TOILING PEOPLE."

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--"ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS SUSTAINED A GREAT DEFEAT AND
LED" AS A RESULT OF THE REGIME'S OFFENSIVE IN PAKTIA PROVINCE
IN LATE OCTOBER.

--"MOST OF THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AFGHAN FUGITIVES" IN PAK-
ISTAN "ARE NOT FUGITIVES BUT CRIMINALS."

--"I HOPE I WILL BE ALIVE TO SEE A SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN AFGHAN-
ISTAN."

COMMENT: AMIN'S BLATANT ADMISSION THAT SOVIET SUPPORT
IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE REGIME AND THE REVOLU-
TION MAY BE AIMED AT SEVERAL AUDIENCES; E.G., AT THOSE
WITHIN THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WHO MAY FEEL THE SOVIET
PRESENCE IS TOO PERVERSIVE, AT THOSE WHO MAY BELIEVE AMIN
IN HIS OWN COULD ASK THE SOVIETS TO PACK THEIR BAGS (A
STEP WHICH HE NOW CONTENDS WOULD BE POLITICAL AND PERHAPS
PERSONAL SUICIDE), OR AT THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES AS A POS-
SIBLE OLIVE-BRANCH IN THE WAKE OF THE SEPTEMBER 14 DONNY-
BROOK. AMIN'S SOOTHING REMARKS REGARDING DEPARTING AM-
BASSADOR PUZANOV CERTAINLY PUT A FAVORABLE PUBLIC FACE
ON THAT PARTICULAR RELATIONSHIP, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE
OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THERE MAY INDEED BE SOME BASIS FOR
RUMORS OF AMIN-PUZANOV HOSTILITY. FINALLY, FOR THE MOMENT
AT LEAST, AMIN IS NOT PUBLICLY FLAMING HIS POLITICAL
IDEOLOGY ON HIS STINT AS A STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
AND THE OVERALL TONE OF HIS REMARKS ON THE U.S. WERE
FAIRLY UPPBEAT, DESPITE A PREDICTABLE REFERENCE TO "CLASS
ANTAGONISM" IN AMERICAN SOCIETY.

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